

# PEGNet Publications

## PEGNet Policy Briefs

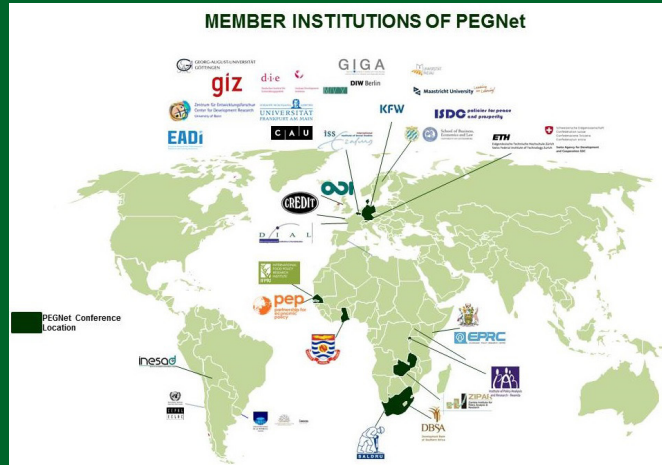
The policy brief series provides information and key policy recommendations on topics that fall under the poverty-equity-growth nexus. The series was launched in 2015 and is published 5 times a year. Authors of policy briefs are members of the PEGNet network as well as external experts. Previously published policy briefs within this series include:

- Changing views on growth: What became of pro-poor growth?
- Changing priorities in climate change and adaptation policy
- What to do about rising inequality in developing countries
- Social Protection: A key instrument for social, economic and political development



## PEGNet Newsletter

The PEGNet Newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and provides nearly 1500 subscribers with information on opportunities, publications and events organized by PEGNet and our partner institutions.



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# PEGNet

Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network

## Connecting Development Research and Practice



# About PEGNet

The Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) was founded in 2005 as a joint initiative of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, the German Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the KfW Development Bank as well as of the Universities of Goettingen and Frankfurt.

PEGNet's mission is to foster research cooperation between academic institutions working on poverty issues in developing countries and to intensify the exchange of knowledge between researchers and development practitioners. PEGNet is committed to bringing together researchers with an interest in issues revolving around the poverty-inequality-growth nexus in developing countries and linking them to the German and international development policy bodies and research institutions.

PEGNet is supported by the German Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation. The PEGNet secretariat is hosted and managed by researchers in the Poverty Reduction Equity and Development Research Area at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy in Kiel, Germany.



# PEGNet Activities

## Conferences

As a means of connecting researchers and practitioners in developing countries with German and international development institutions, PEGNet organises annual conferences with locations that alternate between European and African countries.

PEGNet conference themes reflect development priorities and topics that are pertinent to the host countries. Previous PEGNet conferences have been hosted by our partners in Kigali, Berlin, Lusaka, Copenhagen, Dakar, Hamburg, Johannesburg and Accra. The PEGNet conferences in 2017 and 2018 will be held in Zurich and Cairo.



## PEGNet Expert Meetings (Fachgespräche):

PEGNet recently launched a new series of Expert Discussion Meetings. These meetings are aimed at informing development practitioners in Germany about cutting-edge research in topics that are prioritised in development cooperation. The expert discussion meetings are co-organised with our network partners. Topics that have been discussed at the expert meetings include industrialization in Africa and the role of development policy in managing migration.

# Best Practice Award



One of PEGNet's flagship activities at the annual conferences is the granting of the Best Practice Award to projects that have successfully managed to reconcile the gap between development research and policy. The idea of awarding this prize was born out of two observations. First it was observed that the impact of development research on policy is weak since research output is not always tailored to address policy issues. Second, policy makers and practitioners are often not aware of state of the art tools and methods in development research which could be used to improve the impact of their projects.

Since 2009, the PEGNet Best Practice Award has been granted to a wide range of policy driven research projects that have investigated among others: the impacts of access to energy interventions; conditional cash transfers in Uruguay; improved sanitation in Ugandan slums, index-based livestock insurance in Kenya, wage subsidies in South Africa and health interventions in Ethiopia and the Philippines.